

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS/पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

DEFENCE COMPLEX ON THE ISLAND GROUNDS OF MADRAS

705. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE/रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to build constructions for the Defence Complex on the Island Grounds in Madras City;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has raised any objection in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the Island Ground would be handed over to the State Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE/रक्षा मंत्री (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Projects for construction of office buildings on the Island Grounds which are owned by Defence Ministry have been sanctioned.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The Chief Minister has requested that the construction of defence buildings on the Island Ground should be stopped and the Island Ground preserved as an open space. The matter is under examination of the Government.

VISA REGULATION FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

706. DR. B. N. ANTANI :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have effected some changes in regard to visa regulations for travel between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for effecting changes in the rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI SURENDRAPAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BRINGING PEACE IN INDO-CHINA

707. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps have been taken by the Government of India to explore possibilities in bringing peace in Indo-China; and

(b) what are the results achieved thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI SURENDRAPAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government of India continue to maintain a dialogue with all the parties concerned in Indo-China with a view to assisting in the restoration of peace in that region. As the house is aware, Government is of the view that the latest 7-point peace proposals of the PRG of South Vietnam represents a considerable advance on the previous proposals and provides a basis for a peaceful negotiated settlement of the problem. We have explained this to all the parties concerned.

REQUIREMENT AND PRODUCTION OF CRUDE IN THE COUNTRY

708. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS/पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual requirements of crude in the country;

(b) to what extent the demand is met by its production in the country;

(c) to what extent production had increased during the last three years;